

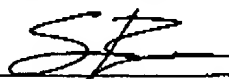
**REMARKS**

In the Final Office Action dated October 20, 2005, claims 1-4, 6 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over various references; claims 9, 11-18, and 20-23 were allowed; and claims 5, 7-8, and 24 were objected as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Office Action stated that claims 5, 7-8, and 24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1, 6, and 19 have been amended to recite every limitation in allowable claim 5. As a result, every claim presently pending has been acknowledged as allowable or contains every limitation of a claim that has been acknowledged as allowable. As this amendment satisfies the requirement stated in the Office Action dated October 20, 2005, i.e., that claims 5, 7-8, and 24 be rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim, this amendment should be entered as a matter of right. See MPEP § 714.12. Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are allowable, and requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued for these claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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